

IN THE CLAIMS:

The status and content of each claim follows.

1. (currently amended) A post for retaining an item in a storage compartment having a side, the post comprising:
a body operable to hold the item; and
a coupling element operable to couple the body to the side of the storage compartment and to allow the post to be moved to a position in which the body can receive the item to be stored in the compartment, and to a different position in which the body can not receive the item to be stored in the compartment ~~and in which the body remains without one exerting pressure on the body;~~
wherein the coupling element includes a locking element operable to retain the body in at least one of the positions.
2. (original) The post of claim 1 wherein the body is releasably fastened to the side of the storage compartment.
3. (original) The post of claim 1 wherein the body is pivotable relative to the side of the storage compartment.
4. (cancelled)
5. (previously presented) The post of claim 1 wherein the position in which the body receives an item stored in the compartment includes the body substantially

perpendicular to the side, and the position in which the body does not receive an item stored in the compartment includes the body substantially parallel with the side.

6. (original) The post of claim 1 wherein the coupling element includes a protrusion insertable into a hole.

7. (original) The post of claim 1 wherein the coupling element includes a protrusion extending from the body, and a hole in the side of the storage compartment operable to receive the protrusion.

8. (previously presented) The post of claim 1 wherein the item to be stored in the storage compartment includes a storage disc having a hole, and the body is insertable into the hole.

9. (previously presented) The post of claim 1 wherein the item to be stored in the storage compartment includes a storage disc having a hole, and the body is insertable into the hole, and includes a shoulder to support the storage disc away from the side.

10. (original) The post of claim 1 wherein:
the body includes a first component and a second component, and
the coupling element includes:

a first element operable to couple the first component to the side of the storage compartment and to allow the first component to be positioned relative to the side in at least two different positions, and

a second element operable to couple the second component to the side of the storage compartment and to allow the second component to be positioned relative to the side in at least two different positions.

11. (currently amended) A storage compartment comprising:
 - a bottom and a sidewall that define an interior; and
 - a post operable to retain a storage disc in said interior, and including,
 - a body operable to engage the storage disc; and
 - a coupling element operable ~~to couple the body to the bottom of the storage compartment and~~ to allow the body to be positioned relative to the bottom in at least two different positions that include a first position in which the body can receive the storage disc when the disc is stored in the compartment, and a second position in which the body can not receive the storage disc,

wherein said coupling element comprises a hinge that allows said body to rotate at a base of the body between said first position in which said body is extending from said bottom of the storage compartment and said second position in which said body lays below said bottom of the storage compartment in a receptacle when the disc is stored in the compartment and in which the body remains without one exerting pressure on the body.
12. (currently amended) The storage compartment of claim 11 wherein the coupling element includes a locking element operable to retain the body in at least one of the positions in one position the body extends from the bottom into the interior substantially perpendicular to the bottom.

13. (currently amended) The storage compartment of claim 11 wherein said body is divided into two portions each of which rotate in opposite directions into said receptacle in
~~one position the body is disposed in a receptacle of the bottom, below a surface of the bottom.~~

14. (currently amended) A method for storing a storage disc, the method comprising:

rotating positioning a body of a post around a hinge attached to said post, wherein said
body of said post is rotated between an extended position extending from relative to a side of
a storage compartment and a retracted, ~~from a position in which the body is disposed in a~~
receptacle in said side of the storage compartment and can not receive the storage disc ~~when~~
~~the disc is stored in the compartment and in which the body remains without one exerting~~
~~pressure on the body, to a different position in which the body can receive the storage disc~~
~~when the disc is stored in the compartment; and,~~

when said body of said post is in said extended position, engaging a hole in the disc
with the body.

15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 14 further comprising retaining the body
in at least one ~~[[the]]~~ position with a locking element.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 14 further comprising supporting the disc
away from the side with a support element on said body of said post.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 14 further comprising:
~~disengaging the hole in the disc from the body;~~
positioning the body in the retracted ~~relative to the side, to the position in which the~~
body can not receive the disc ~~when the disc is stored in the compartment;~~ and
placing another item in the storage compartment.
19. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 18~~ claim 14 wherein said body
comprises two separate members, the method further comprising positioning the two separate
members of the body adjacent to each other, such that both are received through the hole in
the disc when engaging the disc with the body ~~relative to the side includes pivoting the post~~
~~relative to the side.~~
20. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 18~~ claim 19, wherein rotating the
body of the post into the extended position further comprises rotating the two separate
member of the body in different directions, away from each other to place both in said
~~positioning the body relative to the side includes disposing the body below a surface of the~~
~~side in a receptacle.~~
21. (previously presented) A computer system comprising:
a housing having a storage compartment to retain an item and including:
a bottom and a sidewall that define an interior, and
a post operable to retain a storage disc, and having:
a body operable to engage the storage disc; and

a coupling element operable to couple the body to the bottom of the storage compartment and to allow the body to be positioned relative to the bottom in at least two different positions that include a position in which the body can receive the storage disc when the disc is stored in the compartment, and a position in which the body can not receive the storage disc ~~when the disc is stored in the compartment~~ and in which the body remains without ~~[[one]]~~ exerting pressure on the body; and

a processor disposed in the housing.

22. (Previously Presented) A post for retaining an item in a storage compartment having a side, the post comprising:

a body operable to hold the item; and

a coupling element operable to couple the body to the side of the storage compartment and to allow the body to be positioned relative to the side in at least two different positions, the coupling element including a locking element operable to retain the body in at least one of the positions.

23. (Previously Presented) A storage compartment comprising:

a bottom and a sidewall that define an interior; and

a post pivotable and operable to retain a storage disc, and including,

a body operable to engage the storage disc; and

a coupling element operable to couple the body to the bottom of the storage compartment and to allow the body to be positioned relative to the bottom in at least

two different positions, wherein in one position the body is disposed in a receptacle of the bottom, below a surface of the bottom.

24. (new) The storage compartment of claim 11 wherein said hinge comprises protrusions at said base of the body that mate with holes in said receptacle.